

5) Work may be rejected for credit or reduced in value if it does not meet the requirements specified in the regulation. This in turn may result in forfeiture of your claim. If you have any questions about the regulation, please consult the Geoscience Assessment Office.

6) Assessment work filed within 2 years of its performance is credited at 100% of the approved dollar value. Work filed in the third, fourth or fifth year subsequent to the date performance is credited at 50% of the approved dollar value. Work older than 5 years is not eligible for credit, but would be welcome for the public record.

Example:

Date Work Done	Filing Date	Credit
Jan 1st, 1997 to Mar 15, 1997	Mar 16, 1997 to Jan 1st, 1999	100%
	Jan 2, 1999 to Jan 1, 2002	50%
	Jan 2, 2002 and after	0

7) Work in excess of the required minimum may be applied to meet the assessment requirements of the subsequent 5 years.

8) Reported work that is not applied is put in reserve and may be applied or assigned to claims in the future. However, it is forfeited if the claim is forfeited or otherwise terminated.

9) Up to \$24,000 per 16 hectare unit to a maximum of \$96,000 per year, may be assigned from any contiguous claim (provided it meets ownership requirements). Also, claim holders may assign work performed on other mining land.

**Note: Although not a requirement, before beginning an exploration program on land other than a mining lease, licence of occupation or patent, discuss the land's eligibility with the Geoscience Assessment Office.**

10) The Mining Recorder can grant extensions of time to perform and file work. An extension of time cannot be granted if a previous extension exists. Extensions can be granted for a maximum of one year duration. To avoid forfeiture, your application for extension should be made within 30 days prior to the anniversary of the recording date.

### You Should Know...

1) You must notify the surface rights holder(s) of the work you plan to conduct, before the first program of ground assessment work can begin. Work may not be recorded if this required notice was not given.

Depending on the nature of the work and the time of year it is conducted, it may also be necessary to obtain a work permit

from the Ministry of Natural Resources for work on Crown Land, including an unpatented mining claim. As well, some areas in Ontario are designated as requiring work permits for disruptive mineral exploration. These work permits are issued by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. The areas affected are clearly identified on the appropriate claim maps.

2) You are asked to minimize the physical disturbance of the land, and at all times, **please respect private property and show consideration for those who hold or use the surface rights.**

3) A claim can be converted to a lease any time after the first unit of assessment work has been completed, approved and the other requirements of the Act met. You should consult the Mining Recorder concerning the lease requirements. However, you are not required to convert a claim to a lease unless you intend to start production. A claim can be maintained indefinitely just by completing the required assessment work annually. We recommend you re-establish the claim boundaries in the field every 5 years, for which you will receive assessment credit.

4) Credit for a geotechnical survey will be based on the cost of the survey and may be assigned to other contiguous claims held by the same recorded holder.

5) Work recorded is subject to inspection and possible adjustment by the Ministry.

6) You may partially abandon a staked block claim. Consult the Mining Recorder as to how this may affect your assessment credits.

7) There are additional requirements (pertaining to land rehabilitation) for advanced exploration work. Contact the Mining Recorder or one of the Ministry's Mineral Development Offices prior to undertaking any advanced exploration activities as part of your assessment work.

### REMEMBER

**Completing assessment work requirements allows you to hold a claim or qualify for a lease.**

**But we can only give you credit for what you file when you file it. It is in your best interest to file complete, accurate and timely work reports.**

For full details please refer to the Assessment Work regulation and the Mining Act RSO/RRO 1990 (amended from time to time), available at the Publications Ontario Office.

### Directory of Offices

#### Provincial Recording Office

Ministry of Northern Development and Mines  
933 Ramsey Lake Road  
3rd Floor  
Sudbury, Ontario  
P3E 6B5  
Tel: 1-888-415-9844 OR (705) 670-5742  
Fax: (705) 670-5681  
Toll-Free Fax: 1-877-670-1444  
INTERNET: [www.gov.on.ca/MNDMA/INES/LANDS/mismnpg.htm](http://www.gov.on.ca/MNDMA/INES/LANDS/mismnpg.htm)

#### Geoscience Assessment Office

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## A Summary of the Assessment Work Requirements

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## Mining Act of Ontario Summary of the Assessment Work Regulation

The recorded holder of an unpatented mining claim does not own the land and has no title (permitting mineral extraction) until a lease is granted. In order to hold a claim in good standing or to apply for a lease, certain exploration work—referred to as assessment work—must be performed and reported to the Crown for approval, within specific time limits.

This brochure summarizes the regulation of the Mining Act of Ontario regarding the performance and filing of assessment work. It is for your information only and is not a legal document.

The complete regulation appears in the Mining Act RSO/RRO 1990 as amended from time to time, along with the technical requirements. For a more detailed explanation of these requirements please contact the Geoscience Assessment Office. For a copy of the Act and Assessment Work Regulation, please contact Publications Ontario at 1-800-668-9938.

### Assessment Work Required

A claim holder is not required to complete any assessment work within the first year of recording a mining claim. In the second and all subsequent years, a minimum of \$400 of assessment work per 16 ha. claim unit per year is to be reported until a lease is applied for.

### Types of Assessment Work

- 1) A wide range of mineral exploration activities can be credited for assessment work. These include:

**Specific types of work performed within 12 months prior to the recording of mining claims:**

- a) regional surveys; for example airborne geophysics and regional or reconnaissance ground exploration
- b) prospecting on Crown land by a holder of a valid Prospector's Licence

Please note that these specific types of assessment work must be filed for assessment credit within one year following the recording date of the mining claims.

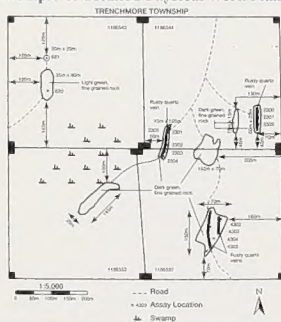
**Work performed after the recording of mining claims:**

- a) Prospecting
- b) Physical work:
  - manual, mechanical overburden stripping and bedrock trenching
  - shaft sinking, driving adits, open cuttings

### Example of a Mining Claim Map



### Example of detailed Physical Work Plan:



- de-watering of underground workings
- re-establishing claim boundaries every 5 years

Certain physical work may require site rehabilitation in accordance with Part 7 of the Act. Please consult the Mines Group at (705) 670-5815.

- c) Geophysical, geological and geochemical surveys, airborne geophysical surveys, line cutting and control surveys, including recutting grid lines to prepare for geotechnical surveys.
- d) Exploratory drilling:
  - diamond or core drilling (including underground exploration drilling)
  - overburden drilling
  - other drilling (including percussion and auger)
  - submission of drill core
- e) Assays and analyses
- f) Rehabilitation work which has received the prior approval of the Senior Manager, Mines Group, including:
  - capping of shafts, raises, stopes and crown pillars
  - fencing of stopes, open pits, raises, shafts, crown pillars and trenches
  - filling in of pits, trenches, shafts and adits

- g) Any application of new methodology or presentation of previously submitted field data which contributes new information to the geotechnical database.

- 2) The following exploration expenses are eligible:

- a) labour and field supervision fees
- b) contractor's or consultant's fees
- c) supplies used and equipment rental while conducting assessment work
- d) food and lodging
- e) transportation of supplies from the point of procurement to the mining land
- f) shipment of samples
- g) the cost of assays and chemical analyses of samples from the mining land
- h) transportation of persons within Ontario to and from the mining land
- i) moving of equipment to and from the mining land within Ontario
- j) expenses related to rehabilitation work done in respect of reclamation of mining land.

- 3) Expenses are eligible for assessment work credit only if the work is carried out for the purposes of exploration.

- 4) Assessment work is eligible for credit at a value based on industry standards for similar work.

All expenditures reported are subject to approval and proof of payment may be required to substantiate the reported costs.

### Filing of Assessment Work

- 1a) Reports of assessment work and all required technical documentation (such as drill logs or the geological report), plus maps and sketches must be filed in duplicate with the Geoscience Assessment Office, the Provincial Recording Office or a Mining Land Consultant's Office, for the Mining division where the mining claims are located, by the anniversary date of the recording of the claim. This is crucial, as failure to file by this date may result in the forfeiture of the claim.

- b) Please note that when the due date for assessment work falls on a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or other day on which the relevant office is closed, the claim holder has until the end of the next business day to file assessment work.

- c) NEITHER A MINING RECORDER NOR THE MINING AND LANDS COMMISSIONER CAN RELIEVE A CLAIM FOR FORFEITURE. Postmarks are not acceptable as proof of a filing date, nor is there any grace period for filing after the anniversary date. In some circumstances reports may be filed by facsimile machine.

- d) Faxed reports received after 4:30 PM will be deemed filed at 8:15 AM of the next business day.

- 2) You will be notified within 90 days of filing the work if the work is deficient, rejected, reduced or the expenses have to be verified. You will then have 45 days to respond to the notification. Failure to do so may result in the loss of assessment credit, which in turn could result in forfeiture of your claim.

- 3) Eligible assessment work credit is deemed approved if a 45-day notification letter is not issued within 90 days of your filing date.

- 4) Declaration of Assessment Work forms, which are available from the Provincial Mining Recorder's office, a Mining Lands Consultant's Office, the Geoscience Assessment Office or the Ministry's Web Site, must include the following:

- a) a list of the recorded holders of the mining land;
- b) a description of the type of work done;
- c) the mining land and township or area where the work was performed;
- d) the names and addresses of the person(s) or company who performed the work;
- e) the dates upon which the work was performed;
- f) a certified statement of costs;
- g) where work is being assigned to a contiguous claim(s), a sketch of the grouping of mining land over which the work is being assigned and where the work was performed; and
- h) two copies of all technical data (for example drill logs and the geological report for each claim).